

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Kazuhiko MATSUMOTO

**Application No.:** 10/816,978

**Filing Date:** April 2, 2004

**Title:** MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND  
MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

**Group Art Unit:** 2624

**Confirmation No.:** 1697

**Examiner:** Katrina R. Fujita

**Attorney Docket No.:** 060233.00005

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2009, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the rules promulgated under 37 CFR §1.121.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.